

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony Canning on 6/11/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In claim 1,

Line 8, after "on" insert – the part of the surface of the substance on –

Line 9, after "material" insert -- , wherein the part of the surface of the substance is modified so that the second region has a higher wettability than the first region with respect to the compound --

- In claim 2,

Line 8, after "on" insert – the part of the surface of the substance on –

Line 9, after "material" insert -- , wherein the part of the surface of the substance is modified so that the second region has a higher wettability than the first region with respect to the compound --

- In claim 3,

Line 9, after "on" insert – the part of the surface of the substance on –

Line 10, after "material" insert -- , wherein the part of the surface of the substance is modified so that the second region has a higher wettability than the first region with respect to the compound --

- Cancel claims 10-29

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-9 and 30 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Recorded Prior Arts fail to disclose or suggestion combination process steps of method for forming a pattern as characteristics recited in base claims 1, 2 and 3 comprising: forming a second region by irradiating the substance with light to modify a part of a surface of the substance wherein the light has a wavelength absorbable by the light absorbing material; and forming a conductive pattern on the part of the surface of the substance on the second region by discharging a compound including a pattern forming material, wherein the part of the surface of the substance is modified so that the second region has a higher wettability than the first region with respect to the compound.

Claims 1, 2 and 3 are allowable. The restriction requirement to species and inventions, as set forth in the Office actions mailed on 5/14/2008 and 8/19/2008, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claims 5-7 and 9, directed to non-elected species are no longer withdrawn from consideration because

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the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim. However, claims 11-29, directed to other invention and species are withdrawn from consideration because they do not require all the limitations of an allowable claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanhha Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-1696. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Thursday 9:00AM - 9:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2402. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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